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Don't Bother Us While We're Spending

Democrats *claim* to be champions of Medicare, Medicaid, and other major entitlements. But their actions – or *lack* of them – paint a very different picture.

A range of experts – from the U.S. Comptroller General, to the Treasury Secretary, to the OMB Directors (current and former), to the CBO Directors (current and former), to the Fed Chairmen (current and former) – have warned Congress that our nation's largest entitlement programs must be reformed to be saved. Otherwise they will bankrupt themselves and the economy.

Republicans responded by enacting The Deficit Reduction Act – a set of common-sense reforms to improve and strengthen entitlement programs – and saved taxpayers nearly \$40 billion over 5 years in the process.

The Democrats' response to the spending problem? More spending, of course. Last year's Democrat budget proposed *adding \$177 billion in spending* over the next 5 years over the Republican budget. They're at it again this year, too, promising a gusher of new spending to everyone in sight.

And what about reform? Well, they say, maybe *after* the budget is balanced – which of course can't happen without reform.

DEMOCRAT "REFORM" PACKAGE

Of the more than \$1.6 trillion the federal government spends on entitlement programs each year, Democrats have offered no savings, no reform, and no support for either:

- > Dollars in Democrat-proposed entitlement savings:\$0
- > Number of Democrat-proposed entitlement reforms: None
- > Democrat votes for \$40 billion in 2005 Deficit Reduction Act savings: None